

HMA Pavement Smoothness 2010 Specification

Replace the headings and paragraphs in section 39-1.12 with:

39-1.12A General

Section 39-1.12 includes specifications for measuring pavement smoothness with an inertial profiler (IP) and straightedge, analyzing the data with FHWA's engineering software ProVAL, and correcting deficient smoothness.

Test pavement smoothness using an IP except use a 12-foot straightedge at the following locations:

1. Traffic lanes less than 1,000 feet in length including ramps, turn lanes, and acceleration and deceleration lanes
2. HMA pavement within 3 feet from and parallel to the construction joint formed between curbs, gutters, or existing pavement
3. Areas within 15 feet of manholes
4. Shoulders
5. Weigh-in-motion areas
6. Miscellaneous areas such as medians, gore areas, turnouts, and maintenance pullouts

Where IP testing is required, pavement smoothness for each lane must be determined by the international roughness index (IRI) for the left and right wheel paths in an individual lane and then averaging the results. The average of the IRIs from the left and right wheel paths for the same lane is the mean roughness index (MRI) of the lane. The wheel paths are a pair of lines 3 feet from and parallel to the edge of a lane. Left and right wheel paths are based on the direction of travel.

Where IP testing is required, identify areas of localized roughness. Areas of localized roughness must be identified using the ProVAL smoothness assurance analysis by calculating continuous IRI for each wheel path with a 25-foot interval using a 250 mm filter.

Interpret references to "must-grinds" as "localized roughness" and "PI₀" as "MRI" in the RSS for section 39.

39-1.12B Submittals

At least 5 business days before start of initial profiling or changing profiler or operator, submit:

1. IP certification issued by Texas Transportation Institute. The certification must be not more than 12 months old.
2. Operator certification for the IP issued by Texas Transportation Institute. The certification must be not more than 36 months old.
3. List of manufacturer's recommended test procedures for IP calibration and verification.

Within 2 business days after cross correlation testing, submit ProVAL profiler certification analysis report for cross correlation test results performed on test section to the Engineer and to the electronic mailbox address:

smoothness@dot.ca.gov

Within 2 business days after each day of inertial profiling, submit profile data to the Engineer and to the electronic mailbox address:

smoothness@dot.ca.gov

Profiling data must include:

1. Raw profile data for each lane.
2. ProVAL ride quality analysis report for IRIs of left and right wheel paths of each lane. Submit in pdf file format.
3. ProVAL ride quality analysis report for MRIs of each lane. Submit in pdf file format.

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4. ProVAL smoothness assurance analysis report for IRIs of left wheel path. Submit in pdf file format.
5. ProVAL smoothness assurance analysis report for IRIs of right wheel path. Submit in pdf file format.
6. GPS data file for each lane in GPS exchange. Submit in GPS eXchange file format.
7. Manufacturer's recommended IP calibration and verification tests results.
8. AASHTO IP calibration and verification test results including bounce, block, and distance measurement instrument (DMI).

Submit the raw profile data in unfiltered electronic pavement profile file (PPF) format. Name the PPF file using the following naming convention:

YYYYMMDD_TTCCRRR_D_L_W_S_X_PT.PPF

where:

YYYY = year

MM = Month, leading zero

DD = Day of month, leading zero

TT = District, leading zero

CCC = County, 2 or 3 letter abbreviation as shown in section 1-1.08

RRR = Route number, no leading zeros

D = Traffic direction as NB, SB, WB, or EB

L = Lane number from left to right in direction of travel

W = Wheel path as "L" for left, "R" for right, or "B" for both

S = Beginning station to the nearest foot (i.e., 10+20) or beginning post mile to the nearest hundredth (i.e., 25.06) no leading zero

X = Profile operation as "EXIST" for existing pavement, "INTER" for after prepaving smoothness correction, "PAVE" for after paving, and "CORR" for after final surface pavement correction

PT = Pavement type (i.e., HMA, RHMA, HMA-O, RHMA-O, RHMA-G, etc.)

Electronic PPF files that do not follow this standardized naming convention will be rejected.

Within 2 business days of performing straightedge measurements, submit areas requiring smoothness correction. Identify locations of smoothness correction by:

1. Location Number
2. District-County-Route
3. Beginning station or post mile to the nearest 0.01 mile
4. For correction areas within a lane:
 - 4.1. Lane direction as NB, SB, EB, or WB
 - 4.2. Lane number from left to right in direction of travel
 - 4.3. Wheel path as "L" for left, "R" for right, or "B" for both
5. For correction areas not within a lane:
 - 5.1. Identify pavement area (i.e., shoulder, weight station, turnout)
 - 5.2. Direction and distance from centerline as "L" for left or "R" for right
6. Estimated size of correction area

39-1.12C Inertial Profiler Calibration and Verification Tests

IP equipment must display a current certification decal with expiration date.

Operate the IP according to the manufacturer's recommendations and AASHTO R57-10 at 1-inch recording intervals.

Notify the Engineer 2 business days before performing IP calibration and verification testing.

Conduct the following IP calibration and verification tests in the Engineer's presence each day before performing inertial profiling:

1. Block test. Verify the height sensor accuracy under AASHTO R57-10, section 5.3.2.3.

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2. Bounce test. Verify the combined height sensor and accelerometer accuracy under AASHTO R57-10, section 5.3.2.3.2.
3. DMI test. Calibrate the accuracy of the testing procedure under AASHTO R56-10, section 8.4.
4. Manufacturer's recommended tests.

Conduct cross correlation IP verification test in the Engineer's presence before performing initial profiling. Verify cross correlation IP verification test at least annually. Conduct 5 repeat runs of the IP on an authorized test section. The test section must be on an existing asphalt concrete pavement surface 0.1 mile long. Calculate a cross correlation to determine the repeatability of your device under Section 8.3.1.2 of AASHTO R56-10 using ProVAL profiler certification analysis with a 3 feet maximum offset. The cross correlation must be a minimum of 0.92.

For each 0.1 mile section, your IRI values must be within 10 percent of the Department's IRI values. The Engineer may order you to recalibrate your IP equipment and reprofile. If your results are inaccurate due to operator error, the Engineer may disqualify your IP operator.

39-1.12D Acceptance Criteria

For areas that require pavement smoothness determined using an IP, the pavement surface must:

1. Have no areas of localized roughness with an IRI greater than 120 in/mi
2. Comply with the MRI requirements shown in the following tables for a 0.1 mile section:

HMA^{a,b} Pavement Smoothness Acceptance Criteria

HMA thickness	MRI requirement
> 0.20 foot	60 in/mi or less
≤0.20 foot	Report only

^a Except OGFC

^b Correct areas of localized roughness.

OGFC^a Pavement Smoothness Acceptance Criteria

OGFC placement on	MRI requirement
New construction, or HMA overlay	Report only
Existing pavement	Report only
Milled surface	Report only

^a Correct areas of localized roughness.

For areas that require pavement smoothness determined using a 12-foot straightedge, the HMA pavement surface must not vary from the lower edge of the straightedge by more than:

1. 0.01 foot when the straightedge is laid parallel with the centerline
2. 0.02 foot when the straightedge is laid perpendicular to the centerline and extends from edge to edge of a traffic lane
3. 0.02 foot when the straightedge is laid within 24 feet of a pavement conform

Pavement smoothness may be accepted based on your testing in the absence of the Department's testing.

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39-1.12E Smoothness Measurement

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Notify the Engineer of start location by station and start time at least 2 business days before profiling.

Remove foreign objects on the pavement surface before profiling.

39-1.12E(2) Inertial Profiler

Mark the beginning and ending station on the pavement shoulder before profiling. Stationing must be the same when profiling more than one surface.

While collecting the profile data to determine IRI, record the following locations in the raw profile data:

1. Begin and end of all bridge approach slabs
2. Begin and end of all bridges
3. Begin and end of all culverts visible on the roadway surface

Determine the MRI for 0.1-mile fixed sections using the ProVAL ride quality analysis with a 250 mm filter. Profile the left and right wheel paths of each lane. Calculate the MRI of each lane. A partial section less than 0.1 mile that is the result of an interruption to continuous pavement surface must comply with the MRI specifications for a full section. Adjust the MRI for a partial section to reflect a full section based on the proportion of a section paved.

Determine the areas of localized roughness using a continuous IRI for each wheel path with a 25-foot interval using a 250 mm filter. Localized roughness greater than 120 in/mi must be corrected regardless of the IRI values of a 0.1-mile section.

Determine the MRI of the HMA, except OGFC. If the MRI of the final pavement surface is greater than the MRI acceptance requirement in the table titled "HMA Pavement Smoothness Acceptance Criteria" in section 39-1.12D, correct to the MRI acceptance requirement in the table.

The final surface of HMA must meet MRI acceptance requirements in the table titled "HMA Pavement Smoothness Acceptance Criteria" in section 39-1.12D before placing OGFC.

Determine the MRI of the OGFC. If OGFC MRI is greater than the accepted value in the table titled "OGFC Pavement Smoothness Acceptance Criteria" in section 39-1.12D, correct to the MRI acceptance requirement in the table.

39-1.12E(3) Straightedge

Measure areas that require 12-foot straightedge. If the straightedge measurement is greater than the accepted value in section 39-1.12D, correct to the acceptance requirement.

39-1.12F Smoothness Correction

If the final surface of the pavement does not comply with section 39-1.12D, grind the pavement to within specified tolerances, remove and replace it, or place an overlay of HMA. Do not start corrective work until your method is authorized.

Smoothness correction of the final pavement surface must leave at least 75 percent of the specified HMA thickness. If ordered, core the pavement at the locations determined by the Engineer. Coring, including traffic control, is change order work. Remove and replace deficient pavement areas where the overlay thickness is less than 75 percent of the thickness specified as determined by the Engineer.

If you choose to correct OGFC, the Engineer determines if the corrective method causes raveling. OGFC that is raveling must be removed and replaced.

Corrected HMA pavement areas must be uniform rectangles with edges:

1. Parallel to the nearest HMA pavement edge or lane line
2. Perpendicular to the pavement centerline

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On ground areas not to be overlaid with OGFC, apply fog seal coat under section 37-2.

Where corrections are made within areas requiring testing with IP, reprofile the entire lane length with the IP device.

Where corrections are made within areas requiring testing with a 12-foot straightedge, retest the corrected area with the straightedge.

39-1.12G Prepaving Inertial Profiler

Section 39-1.12G applies to existing asphalt concrete areas receiving an HMA overlay. Comply with section 39-1.12A–39-1.12C and 39-1.12E.

Before starting paving operations, perform prepaving IP measurements. Prepaving IP includes taking profiles of the existing pavement, analyzing the data with ProVAL to determine existing pavement IRI, MRI, and areas of localized roughness.

Identify areas of localized roughness greater than 140 in/mi.

39-1.12H Prepaving Grinding

Section 39-1.12H applies to existing asphalt concrete areas receiving an HMA overlay of less than or equal to 0.20 foot.

Correct areas of localized roughness greater than 140 in/mi.

Prepaving grinding day includes correcting areas of localized roughness, taking profiles of the corrected areas, and submitting profile data as specified in section 39-1.12B.

Notify the Engineer of those areas of localized roughness that cannot be corrected by prepaving grinding. The Engineer responds to your notification within 5 business days.

For those areas of localized roughness that cannot be corrected by grinding, the Engineer may order you to either (1) not correct the areas of localized roughness or (2) correct areas of localized roughness by a different method and take profiles of the corrected areas with an IP.

Corrective work not performed by prepaving grinding, including taking profiles of the corrected areas and associated traffic control, is change order work.

Correct prepaving areas of localized roughness that you predict will cause the final surface of HMA pavement to be noncompliant with the smoothness specifications. After correcting prepaving areas of localized roughness, take profiles of the corrected area and submit profile data as specified in section 39-1.12B.

Dispose of grinding residue.

Pave within 7 days of correcting areas.

The final pavement surface must comply with section 39-1.12D.

If ordered not to correct areas of localized roughness, the smoothness specifications do not apply to the final pavement surface placed in those areas.